

# The Church of the Ascension in the City of New York

FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET

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Incorporated October 1, 1827



September 19, 2021  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
Nine O'Clock A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Music  
Eleven O'Clock A.M.



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## Organ Prelude

**“Great” Prelude in C Major**  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Choral Prelude

**Sicut Cervus**  
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (a. 1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum: ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

As the hart yearns for the water springs: so longs my soul for thee,  
O God.

## Hymn 410

***Lauda anima***

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant     Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People        *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.*  
                 *Amen.*

## Collect for Purity

Celebrant     Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant     The Lord be with you.

*People        And also with you.*

Celebrant     Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People        Amen.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah**

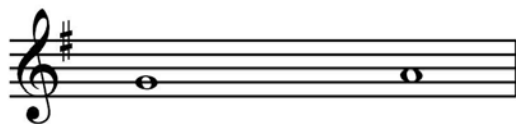
It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. (11:18-20)

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

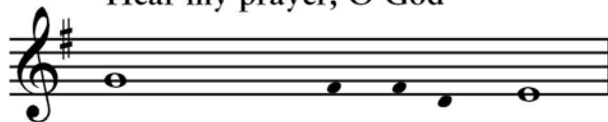
*People        Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 54

*(A cantor first sings this refrain, which is then repeated by all)*



Hear my prayer, O God



give ear to the words of my mouth.

Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.  
For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.  
Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

*(Refrain)*

Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.  
I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.  
For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

*(Refrain)*

## A Reading from the Letter of James

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be

disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. (3:13-4:3, 7-8a)

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

## **The Gospel**

**Mark 9:30-37**

Priest	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People	<i>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name

welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Priest	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Posey Krakowsky**

**The Nicene Creed**

*(All stand and say together)*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

## Form VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader            In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Leader            For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People            For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for  
 those who are alone.*

Leader            For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People            For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader            For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People            For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and  
 oppression.*

Leader            For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of  
 trouble;  
*People            For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,  
 and the needy.*

Leader            For the witness, peace and unity of the Church of  
 God;  
*People            For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek  
 the truth.*

Leader            For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen  
 and Mary our Bishops; and for all bishops and  
 other ministers;



*People*                      *For all who serve God in his Church.*

*Leader*                      For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, for Robert, Ed, Janet, Ellen, Joseph, Brielle, Lucas, Holly, Alejandro and Jesus, Nancy, Barbara, Dorothy, Stewart, Patricia, Judith, Harold, Hannah, Jurek, Alice, Michael, Todd, Jeffrey, Doug, Raymond, Garrett, Yvonne; for the peoples of Haiti and Afghanistan, and all affected by Hurricane Ida and the fires in the west.

*Silence.*                      *The People may add their own petitions. The intercessor will add those names submitted online.*

*Leader*                      Hear us, Lord;  
*People*                      *For your mercy is great.*

*Leader*                      We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence.*                      *The People may add their own petitions. The intercessor will add those names submitted online.*

*Leader*                      We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People*                      *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

*Leader*                      We pray for all who have died, especially Ken Biddle, Norman Inferrera, Betty Lane, Irene Freund, and Hazel and Danne Joshua, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*                      *The People may add their own petitions. The intercessor will add those names submitted online.*

*Leader*                      Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People*                      *Who put their trust in you.*

*Leader*                      We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

All                    Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or suitable Collect.*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People            *And also with you.*

### **Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Anthem**

### **O How Amiable**

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1933)

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will always be praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*(The people stand while the offerings are presented)*

## Sursum corda

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

*People          And also with you.*

Celebrant      Lift up your hearts.

*People          We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People          It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant      It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *The priest says or sings the proper preface.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*(The people stand or kneel, and the priest continues.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to

you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

### **Memorial Acclamation**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People*                *Christ has died.*  
                              *Christ is risen.*  
                              *Christ will come again*

*(The priest continues)*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*                *AMEN.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we  
are bold to say,

*All*              Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy  
Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People*              *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## **Fraction Anthem**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

## **The Communion of the People**

*(The celebrant says the following invitation)*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in  
remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your  
hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people come forward single-file up the center aisle, maintaining  
appropriate physical distance of at least 6 feet. Wait at the  
designated place for the person ahead of you to be communicated  
and leave before you approach the priest to receive. After receiving  
the host, please exit by way of the south aisle around to the center  
aisle and up to your seat. Once at your seat you may remove your  
mask long enough to consume the host. For anyone needing  
ambulatory assistance, the priest will come to you at your seat.*

**Hymn 339**

***Schmücke dich***

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*(All say together)*

God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people  
in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **Blessing**

**Hymn 480**

***Kingsfold***

## **Dismissal**

*(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)*

Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

**Toccata**

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

## Announcements

**Welcome Back to In-Person Church at 11 am** We are so happy to see you all again, and to be together in our beautiful church building. Please join us in the front garden after the service for iced tea and lemonade. As a reminder, masks are required inside and recommended outside. Our services are also livestreamed via our usual Zoom link!

### **Worship With Us:**

- **Sunday Holy Eucharist** - in the Church - 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday Holy Eucharist with Music** - in the Church - 11:00 a.m.  
Iced tea and lemonade in the front garden following the service
- **Sunday Livestream Service via Zoom** at 11:00 a.m.  
[zoom.us/j/322793633](https://zoom.us/j/322793633) (929-205-6099, meeting ID: 322 793 633)
- **Wednesday Evening Eucharist** - in the Church; 6:00 p.m.
- **Evening Prayer Every Weekday Evening** via Zoom:  
[ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer](https://ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer). (929-205-6099; meeting ID is 770 597 201)
- **Prayer & Meditation** - Every Weekday the Church is open for prayer and meditation every weekday; Monday through Friday, Noon to 3:00 p.m. Open Church will begin with Noonday Prayer, led by Brother Andrew, OSF.

**We are delighted to welcome our new Sexton, Dwight Roberts, to Ascension!** Originally from St. Vincent, Dwight has a significant history of construction and contractor work and will be overseeing our buildings and grounds. He is currently getting the apartment at the top of the Parish Hall ready for him and his family, and will be joined by his wife, Yvonne, and son, Aiden. He has two other sons, Kyle (who is attending St. John's University), and Mikhail (who is married and in the military) – I am sure we will have opportunities to meet them as well.

Please join in welcoming them to Ascension.

**The next Racial Justice Discussion Group will be Thursday, September 23; 6:30 p.m.** Please join us as we turn our attention to systemic injustice in the art world. Who gets to determine which art is/is not “good”? How does the role of the person who “discovers” an outsider artist influence that artist’s work, and who does such a discovery really serve? Who gets to decide what an “outsider” artist is? Which plays are produced and showcased in the most prominent theatrical venues? Why? Who gets to perform them? Whose works are not being seen and how can that be changed?

We will read and discuss two articles from the online art publication Hyperallergic. The first is about the recent production of William Shakespeare’s *Merry Wives of Windsor* with an all Black cast at the Public Theater in Central Park. The second is an article from 2018 about the work of Bill Traylor, a 19th century outsider artist who was discovered by a white collector in the late 1930s. Both articles raise thorny questions about influence, point of view, and the power structures underlying artistic systems.

Shakespeare in the Park: [bit.ly/3kiMij7](https://bit.ly/3kiMij7)

The Beatitudes of Bill Traylor: <https://bit.ly/2Xole1l>

### **How You Can Help:**

- **New York Haiti Project - Earthquake Near Martel Zelle** at [haitiangoodsam@gmail.com](mailto:haitiangoodsam@gmail.com)  
Via check to New York Haiti Project, 1858 Hunt Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462
- **Bishop Dietsche – An Appeal for Haiti**  
Episcopal Relief and Development <https://bit.ly/3n5TdHt>  
Directly through the Diocese: Diocese of New York, designated for Haiti relief, 1047 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10025.
- **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry - Afghan refugees** through Episcopal Migration Ministries:  
<https://bit.ly/3kINp3B>
- **Episcopal Relief and Development - Hurricane Ida Assistance:** <https://bit.ly/3gRwknb>



## **Parish Activities this Week**

### **Sunday – September 19 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist (Church) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/ Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

*(Live Stream of the service is available)*

Lemonade & Iced Tea (Front Garden) following the service

### **Monday – September 20**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday – September 21**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Reopening Taskforce (Zoom) 4:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

EfM (Parish Hall/Zoom) 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday – September 22**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Midweek Eucharist (Church) 6:00 p.m.

### **Thursday – September 23**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Racial Justice Discussion Group (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

### **Friday – September 24**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

### **Saturday – September 25**

### **Sunday – September 26 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist (Church) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/ Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

*(Live Stream of the service will be available)*

Lemonade & Iced Tea (Front Garden) following the service

*Anyone entering the church must wear a mask and maintain appropriate physical distance. Please utilize the hand sanitizer stations.*

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**September 19****11:00 AM**

Altar Guild	Tom Rice, Elizabeth Adams, Isabel Spencer
Ushers	Charles Schmidt, John Merryman, Joan Castagnone
Lectors	Kyle Cheseborough Gretchen Dumler
Intercessor	Eve Beglarian
Server	Mike Surabian
Crucifer	Tom Rice
Torches	Candace Lombardi, James Amodeo
Livestream Team	Jacob Scott, Zennie Trieu

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in the City of New York

Fifth Avenue at Tenth Street

Incorporated October 1, 1827

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## Office Hours:

During this time, we are mostly working remotely. Please call us at 212-254-8620 or email us at [info@ascensionnyc.org](mailto:info@ascensionnyc.org)

## Regular Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday Zoom Service, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Meditation with Prayers and Music (Facebook)

Wednesday Eucharist in the Church, 6:00 p.m.

Weeknight Evening Prayer Zoom Service, 5:30 p.m.

<i><b>Clergy &amp; Staff</b></i>	<i><b>Vestry</b></i>
The Rev. Elizabeth G. Maxwell, <i>Rector</i>	Maurice Seaton, <i>Warden</i>
The Rev. Edwin Chinery, <i>Associate Rector</i>	Isabel Spencer, <i>Warden</i>
The Rev. Posey Krakowsky, <i>Priest Associate</i>	Mary Gaillard, <i>Treasurer</i>
The Rev. Meredith Ward, <i>Priest Associate</i>	Elizabeth Adams: <i>Clerk</i>
Dennis Keene, D.M.A., <i>Organist &amp; Choirmaster</i>	Barbara M. Burns
Andrew P. Jones, <i>Parish Administrator</i>	Kyle Church Cheseborough
Kelli Long, <i>Business Manager</i>	Peter Clark
Sajia Choudhury, <i>Parish Bookkeeper</i>	Janet Fisher
Dwight Roberts, <i>Sexton</i>	Vin Knight
Ravi Gayadin, <i>Assistant Sexton</i>	Gale Lynch
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